Closing of Halt Stations

†*279. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of halt stations in the country alongwith details thereof, State-wise;

(b) to what extent the Ministry is earning profit from these halt stations; and

(c) whether there is any scheme in offing to close these halt stations which are running in loss?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) The total number of halt stations in the country, state-wise are given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) A 'Halt Station' is considered unremunerative where average number of passengers is less than 25 per day (outward) on branch lines and 50 per day (outward) on main lines.

(c) There is no general scheme to close halt stations which are unremunerative. However, from time to time halt stations where patronization is poor are closed, factors like requests from State Governments or passenger amenity is taken into consideration before taking such decision.

Statement

Total number of halt stations in the country

Sl.No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Number of existing halt stations
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	131
2.	Assam	15
3.	Bihar	261
4.	Chhattisgarh	24
5.	Delhi	15

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3
6.	Goa	2
7.	Gujarat	230
8.	Haryana	61
9.	Himachal Pradesh	12
10.	Jharkhand	51
11.	Karnataka	79
12.	Kerala	49
13.	Madhya Pradesh	150
14.	Maharashtra	120
15.	Orissa	45
16.	Pondicherry	1
17.	Punjab	68
18.	Rajasthan	118
19.	Tamil Nadu	98
20.	Uttar Pradesh	245
21.	Uttarakhand	3
22.	West Bengal	139
	TOTAL:	1917

Non-availability of treatments to AIDS patients

*280. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has a large number of HIV/AIDS patients, but only 7% of those who need treatment are getting it, as per UNAIDS report 2006;